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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 7842

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR,PINS,TH,ASEAN,SC

SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER KHUKRIT ON ASEAN

1. PRIME MINISTER KHUKRIT PRAMOT HELD A QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH A U.S. NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE DELEGATION MAY 1. HE SAID THAT A MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVE OF THAILAND, IN THE WAKE OF THE INDOCHINA DISASTER, WAS THE STRENGTHENING OF ASEAN. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT ASEAN WOULD LIKE TO EXPAND TO INCLUDE THE INDOCHINESE COUNTRIES AND BURMA.

2. KHUKRIT SAID THE RECENT EVENTS IN INDOCHINA HAD LED TO A CALL FOR AN ASEAN SUMMIT MEETING. HE THOUGHT SUIH A MEETING SHOULD EVENTUALLY TAKE PLACE, BUT THAT ASEAN SHOULD AVOID THE IMPRESSION OF RUSHING  
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INTO A SUMMIT RIGHT AFTER SAIGON'S FALL. THE IMPLICATION

WAS THAT ASEAN SHOULD GIVE AN EXTERNAL IMPRESSION OF CALM RATHER THAN PANIC. HE ALSO STRESSED THE NECESSITY FOR ASEAN TO ACT AS A BLOC, AND CITED THE RECENT RECOGNITION OF GRUNK AS AN EXAMPLE.

3. ASKED ABOUT THE VARIOUS ROLES THAT ASEAN COULD PLAY, HE CITED ITS CURRENT ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ORIENTATION. HE SAID THAT ANY MILITARY ROLE WAS IN THE UPREDICTABLE FUTURE. HE DID NOT VISUALIZE THAT JAPAN, WHICH IN HIS VIEW IS PREOCCUPIED WITH COMMERCIAL CONSIDERATIONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, WOULD PLAY A SECURITY ROLE IN THE ASEAN AREA.

4. ADDRESSEES SHOULD BE AWARE THAT REMARKS THAT FOREIGN OFFICIALS MAKE TO THE NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE ARE PRIVILEGED. THEY SHOULD THEREFORE NOT BE DISSEMINATED FURTHER OR REFERRED TO IN MESSAGES OR CONVERSATIONS.  
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